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MARCELLUS, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK.

OWNER: Town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, N.Y.

OCCUPANT: School District No. 9, Pupils from the towns of
Marcellus and Onondaga.

DATE OF ERECTION: 1866.

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

PRESENT CONDITION: The building is in good state of preservation, it being used continuously for school purposes since its erection.

The construction is original with the exception of a later addition to the rear of the wing. This is on posts and is identical to the original construction in external appearance, except for the width of vertical boarding. This is of five inch lumber. The interior of the wing has been altered to accomodate boy's and girl's toilets. The school room has had the addition of a new lower ceiling at the head of the windows and thin insulation sheeting on walls above the dado. This is over the original vertical wall finish. The octagonal bell tower is now enclosed in beaded sheathing. Originally it was probably open to the air.

NUMBER OF STORIES: There is no basement. The building has one story and an attic space above the ceiling which is accessible by a small trap door in the new ceiling.

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: The foundation is of local limestone, with the exception of that part on wood piers. The walls, roof and bell tower are all of wood. The frame is of post construction covered on the exterior with vertical matched lumber. The interior is the same, with a low dado of matched and beaded boards. The roof is shingle. The new ceiling at about 8'-10" above the floor is suspended, of 2x4s spaced 16 inches o.c., spiked to two joists of two 2x4 joists, hung from 2x4 planks laid over the original 3x6 inch joists. These joists are notched into the lower member of the two trusses. The suspension rods are 3/4 inch iron. The new ceiling is beaded matching.

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The octagonal tower has an eighteen inch bronze bell on an iron frame. The bell is carried over an eighteen inch wheel and hangs down in the center of the school room. The bell and frame was manufactured at Meneeley's Foundry, West Troy, N.Y.
The entire building is now painted in a pale cream color.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS:

Minute book of Meetings of the Board of Trustees of the School District, from December 22, 1865, in possession of Mrs. Grace Cryslar, Clerk, Marcellus, N.Y.

ADDITIONAL DATA:

From the above minute book:

On December 22, 1865 a meeting of the inhabitants was called, Chairman William J. Oakley presiding. The Committee reported on the model of school, and approved of an octagon with eleven foot sides. The committee reported that \$125. was asked for an additional one-half acre of ground.

A.L.Brinkerhoff, Hiram Clift and Seneca Hunt were made a Building Committee, and ordered to dispose of the old house On March 26, 1866 an additional one-half acre of ground was added to the site.

August 31, 1866, a tight board fence around the school house, to be post and rail fence boarded up and down, was voted on and carried. A new privy was to be 5x8 feet, carried.

September 14, 1866, seats to be grained.

September 21, 1866, R. Brinkerhoff was allowed \$20. per M. for bass lumber instead of \$25. as charged. R. Brinkerhoff was paid \$40. for school site. A stove and pipe to cost \$36. Blackboard to cost \$6.00.

On October 9, 1866, Resolved that all damages done by scholars or others to the house shall be subject to a fine according to damage made. The house is to be insured.

On October 12, 1866, Committee elected to visit the school once a month.

Meeting of May 1, 1934, The budget for the school was approved as follows: School teacher \$858.

Janitor	40.
Fuel	53.
Electricity	20.
Transportation	180.
Incidentals	50.
Painting	15.
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The school teacher is Miss Marian Cryslar, Marcellus N.Y. for the year 1933-7.

Walter H. Cassabeer
District Officer NY2
October 17, 1936